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DECEMBER 6, 1977 (SALT TWO-1530)

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- SEMENOV'S FIRST STATEMENT, DECEMBER 6, 1977

DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS A NUMBER OF MEMBERS
OF THE U.S. CONGRESS TOOK PART IN DELEGATION MEETINGS, AS
WELL AS IN OTHER MEETINGS IN GENEVA AT THE SOVIET-U.S.
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE
ARMS.

TODAY WE WELCOME SENATOR GARY HART, SENATOR JOHN
CULVER AND CONGRESSMAN CHARLES WILSON, WHO ARE TAKING
PART IN THE MEETING BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS.

WE ALSO WELCOME GENERAL GEORGE SEIGNIOUS, A MEMBER
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OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, WHO HAS RETURNED TO GENEVA AND
IS PARTICIPATING IN OUR MEETING TODAY.

SEMENOV'S SECOND STATEMENT, DEC 6, 1977
- I
THE CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH BY THE U.S. DELEGATION
AT TODAY'S MEETING, CONCERNING ARTICLE II, PAR. 3, OF

THE TREATY--ON THE DEFINITION OF HEAVY BOMBERS--WILL BE STUDIED.

AS YOU KNOW, THE CORRESPONDING PROPOSALS OF THE SOVIET SIDE ON THIS QUESTION WERE TABLED BY THE USSR DELEGATION AT THE MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 3, 17 AND 22, 1977. ASPECTS OF THIS QUESTION ARE PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED IN THE DRAFTING GROUP AS WELL.

TODAY THE USSR DELEGATION INTENDS TO ADDRESS THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE DRAFT TREATY, CONCERNING, IN PARTICULAR, LIMITATIONS ON CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS AND CARRIERS OF SUCH MISSILES. THIS QUESTION WAS CONSIDERED AT NEGOTIATIONS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SIDES TOOK INTO ACCOUNT ITS IMPORTANCE FOR MAINTAINING THE STABILITY OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED AND DESIRING TO REACH A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION CONSISTENT WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY, THE USSR DELEGATION IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSE THAT ARTICLE VIII OF THE TREATY BE AGREED UPON IN THE FOLLOWING WORDING:

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- "ARTICLE VIII OF THE TREATY

THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE NOT TO FLIGHT-TEST CRUISE OR BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS FROM AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN BOMBERS COUNTED AS HEAVY BOMBERS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE II, OR TO DEPLOY SUCH AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED MISSILES."

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE USSR DELEGATION PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE SIDES WILL NOT FLIGHT-TEST CRUISE OR BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS FROM TRANSPORT AIRPLANES, WILL NOT DEPLOY TRANSPORT AIRPLANES EQUIPPED FOR SUCH MISSILES OR CONVERT TRANSPORT AIRPLANES FOR THESE PURPOSES.

- II

AT THE DRAFTING GROUP MEETING ON DECEMBER 2, 1977 THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES TABLED PROPOSALS REGARDING THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES TABLED PROPOSALS REGARDING THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES TABLED PROPOSALS REGARDING

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF PLANNED ICBM LAUNCHES. THE USSR DELEGATION REAFFIRMS THE READINESS EXPRESSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE TO INCLUDE AN ARTICLE DEALING WITH THIS IN THE TEXT OF THE TREATY, SUBJECT TO REACHING AN UNDERSTANDING ON ITS CONTENT ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ACCEPTABILITY.

- III

RECENTLY THE DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS.

THEY REACHED AGREEMENT ON ARTICLE I OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE TREATY--REGARDING A BAN ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS AND ON
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THE FLIGHT-TESTING OF ICBMS FROM SUCH LAUNCHERS.

THE DRAFTING GROUP HAS MADE PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT OF THE TREATY, CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS.

THE USSR DELEGATION REAFFIRMS ITS READINESS TO
CONSIDER AS AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO GOVERNMENTS THE
PROVISIONS OF THE SECOND AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE II,
PAR. 1, OF THE DRAFT TREATY, ARTICLE IV, PAR. 5, AND THE
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